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KING COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT

The Honorable Suzanne Parisien
Hearing Date: February 24, 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m.
WITHOUT ORAL ARGUMENT

STATE OF WASHINGTON
KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

STATE OF WASHINGTON,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON, a New Jersey Corporation; ETHICON, INC., a New Jersey Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of JOHNSON & JOHNSON; ETHICON US, LLC, a New Jersey Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of JOHNSON & JOHNSON; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

NO. 16-2-12186-1 SEA

~~PROPOSED~~ SRP
ORDER GRANTING
PLAINTIFF STATE OF WASHINGTON'S
MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

(Clerk's Action Required)

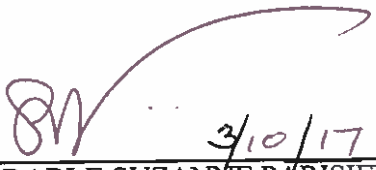
THIS MATTER, having come before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion to limit the party-plaintiff to the Consumer Protection Division of the Washington State Attorney General's Office, and the Court having reviewed the foregoing Motion, responses, if any, and being familiar with the records and files herein, the Court hereby enters the following **FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

1. Defendants' definitions of "You" and "Your" as defined in their discovery requests is overly broad and unduly burdensome.
2. Defendants are not entitled to obtain party discovery from non-party state agencies.

1 3. CR 26(c) gives superior courts the authority to enter protective orders "to
2 protect a party or person from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden or
3 expense."

4 4. Washington state agencies and departments other than the Consumer Protection
5 Division of the Washington State Attorney General's Office are separate entities, are not
6 parties to this litigation, and are not subject to party discovery under CR 33 and 34.

7 Having entered the above FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, it is
8 hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that the Plaintiff State of Washington's
9 Motion for Protective Order is **GRANTED**.

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